

MISSOURI'S CHAMPION COW.

Mrs. Dean Sells 300 Young Chickens—James Quinlan's Fine Colts.

Barney Morrall, northwest of town, lost a fine colt a few days ago.

James Quinlan sold a Jersey cow a few days ago to Cliff Dudgeon for \$50.

James Quinlan bought a Gallo-way cow of Henry Sannebeck last Saturday for \$31.

J. T. and Price Johnson began work of shearing 1500 sheep this week. Electric clipping machines are used.

McGee Bros. sold 12 eleven months old hogs that averaged 297-1-2 lbs. to Powell & Mundy last Friday.

J. F. Woolery, out toward Gant, hatched a four legged chicken last week. But said chicken lay down too soon and died.

James Quinlan boasts of having the best pair of matched colts in the county. They are descendants of Joe Quinlan's fine coach stallion.

Curtis Cauthorn has put on registry his famous "Optimistic Rex," a colt of his father's noted sire, Rex E. Optimistic Rex is a colt of fine promise.

Harry and R. M. Brown, of the west part of the country, shipped a car of hogs from Thompson last week. They averaged 350 pounds each when loaded on the cars.

C. F. Bush, northwest of town, sold two fat hogs to Mexico buyers this week at 9 cents a pound. Richard Platte of the same neighborhood sold four fat hogs at same price as above.

Ben R. Middleton has bought E. B. Sellard's coal yard property, just east of the Chicago & Alton passenger station. The reported price paid was \$4,500. It is rumored that Mr. Middleton may erect a large mule barn thereon.

James H. Starr & Son, of the western part of this county marketed their own raising and fattening, two loads of hogs in East St. Louis last week that averaged 291 and 295 lbs. and brought \$9.70, the top of the market.

Rev. H. I. Cobb's "Circuit Rider" says Mrs. Kate Dean is the poultry queen. She has already sold 300 young chickens and has over 600 on hand, all hatched by hens in the good old fashioned way. My! but what a Paradise for preachers!

Fennwald Bros., those well known cattle feeders and farmers of near Martinsburg, this county, had in their usual toppy consignment at the National Stock Yards in East St. Louis this week, that landed the best price for the day. The sale was 47 head of well fattened 1528-lb beeves that sold to the United Dressed Beef Co., at \$8.15. They also had 18 steers of 1241-lb. average that sold to Swift & Co., at \$7.40. The Stock Reporter comments that Messrs. Fennwald are firm believers in well fattened stock. Their consignments always represent that skill of successful feeding and topping the market is a customary thing with them.

The Message editor while in Columbia last Friday visited the State Farm and took a look at Missouri's champion cow, Chief Josephine, the Holstein now trying for a world's milk producing record, having a lead of 600 pounds over any cow for a ninety-day period. Chief Josephine gave ninety-eight pounds of milk the day we were there and has been averaging ninety pounds a day since her tests began, one day during the test giving 110-1-2 pounds. The test will continue for 270 days longer, and if Josephine keeps up the record she has made the last ninety days she will be the champion milk producer of the world.

ROBERT MUNDY OF THIS COUNTY

had two cars of good cattle on the East St. Louis market last week. "Governor" Lige Watts accompanied Mr. Mundy with the shipment with a view of seeing the city. The Stock Reporter gives the following interview from Mr. Watts concerning crop conditions in this county: We lost all our small fruit and a great deal of garden truck this last cold spell. The oat crop is looking well in my section and the prospects look very flattering for a good crop if we can get some warm weather now after the recent rains. Wheat is not looking very well and I don't believe that we will raise over half a crop. There was considerable corn planted before the cold spell and the greater part of this will have to be replanted. On the whole, though I think Audrain county is in good shape and if any county in the state of Missouri produces a crop this season you may rest assured that Audrain will be the first under the wire.

R. Hildebrand, of near Martinsburg, had a shipment of hogs on the East St. Louis market last week and talked to the Stock Reporter as follows about crop conditions in Audrain county: "Wheat is in poor shape and will not make the crop that it did last year. Too much winter killing. Oats are in fine shape so far and bid fair to make a large yield. I believe that fully 50 per cent of the corn will have to be replanted owing to the poor stand. The spring started out all right for corn but it has been too wet and cold during the past four or five weeks. Fat hogs are not plentiful with us but there is a large pig crop and pigs are doing nicely. I think that we have more pigs than a year ago. This time last year they were selling off brood sows pretty closely but the price of hogs is so high this season that farmers are holding their thirty young sows and have bred everything they had. Those who sold their sows last year expecting the market to go down have regretted it a great deal since."

BRIDGE CONTRACTS LET.

The county court has let the contract for the building of seven steel bridges in the county at a total cost of \$2464. The contracts were let privately, all to the Pan American Bridge Co. There were two other bidders, one for \$2641 and the other for \$2,599. The County Engineer's estimate of the cost was \$2,470. The Engineer is presumed to know the cost of bridge materials and the bids must be lower than his estimates or the court rejects them.

Securing bids privately, instead of the former usage, getting them from firms in any section of the county, eliminates possible combinations of bidders and aids the court and engineer to take their time in awarding contracts. This provision of the law is a good one.

SOLDIER BOYS BANQUET.

The soldier boys of Co. L, Fifth Mo. Volunteers, Spanish-American War, held a joyful banquet at Hotel Hoxsey last Friday night. Not all members of the company were present but plans were adopted for a big reunion of the soldiers in this city next fall, when an attractive program will be carried out and all members of the company will be urged to be present.

SUSTAINS BROKEN ARM.

Elmer Cunningham, northeast of Mexico, was kicked by a horse last Saturday and suffered a broken arm. He will be disabled from his work for several weeks.

Mrs. J. T. Huttis, southwest of this city, is reported as having been very ill.

LADDONIA DOINGS.

Will Celebrate on the Fourth—First Celebration Ever Held in the County.

Bellamy, Hoyt & Co. have bought a threshing machine. They expect an engine from Kansas City this week.

John Hobson shipped two cars of stock from here last week. Will ship two cars this week.

There will be a fair crop of blackberries in this section; the bushes are showing up the bloom. Oats, clover and timothy looking fine. Very little corn planted yet. Frank Reeves is doing a lively business in truck planting.

Wm. Faulkner shipped two cars of stock to St. Louis from here last week.

About 2000 pounds of wool have been shipped from here this spring and more yet to go.

Garth Beal, working extra at Marshall for the C. A., stopped off here last Friday, from one train to another, to see home folks.

Nick Smith is making some substantial improvements on his property.

Mrs. I. J. N. Smith gave her friends a dinner Sunday, the 15th inst. Such a dinner you don't get every day. Among those who got away with some of the good things were the following: Rev. Jones, of the Baptist church; Miss Birdie Pierce, Field Akridge and wife; W. H. Beal; Mrs. Marion Barto and daughter, and Mrs. Josie Shinn and daughter, Miss Pearl, of Vandalia.

Our citizens seem anxious for that half-century celebration. W. H. Beal has been urged to start the work. He has gotten up a call, signed by the following—among them some of the very best citizens of the community—urging a mass meeting in Laddonia next Saturday, at 4 p. m., "for the purpose of making arrangements to celebrate the coming 4th of July, it being the 50th anniversary of the celebration held at Oak Grove in the year 1860."—W. H. Beal, John W. Stevens, G. W. Day, J. M. Hagan, J. S. Faires, John Robertson, W. K. Gass, W. H. Logan, D. M. Price and wife, T. H. Slavens, F. S. Akridge and wife, E. R. Hagan and wife, Wesley Whitehouse, A. C. Corner and wife, E. C. Smith, Mrs. Josie Shinn, I. J. N. Smith, John Quintance and wife, E. C. Kennen, E. D. Vandeventer, John Hobson, W. G. Bailey. About six of the above were at the celebration near Laddonia half a century ago.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Elijah Asbury, son of J. B. Asbury, of near this city, attempted suicide in Kansas City last Thursday by drinking a mixture of formaldehyde and carbolic acid. Medical attention given him in due time saved his life. He left a note saying, in effect, that he was discouraged because he could not get money. The note also contained this clause: "Tell Marie to stick to me until death." "Marie" is not known to the Asbury family here. The would be suicide was married two years ago to Miss Helen Hickman of Payette, Mo., but from her he is divorced.

Elijah Asbury is well known in Mexico. He was here last week, we understand, trying to get money. His father here, upon hearing of his son's late trouble, went to him immediately.

Everett Bush left Tuesday for a visit in Winnipeg, Canada. There looking around. He'll be back. Too cold up there.

Charles Craig, enumerator for the Mexico school district, has completed his work and reports 1,464 white school children.

THOMPSON HAPPENINGS.

Eld. Hook as a Preacher—Rev. Tipton Called at Hopewell—Other Notes.

Miss Bettie Mae Considine who has been quite sick is well again. Mrs. William Jesse left Sunday night for her home in Hereford, Texas, after a month's stay with relatives here.

Mrs. Rufus Jackson and son, Graham, were the guests of her friend, Mr. Ernest Boon, Thursday.

Frank Creasey of near Pilot Grove, is here to see his parents. Mrs. Annie Wisdom lost a valuable mare last week.

Miss Rachel Winn, daughter of John F. Winn, has been visiting her friends, Misses Mabel and Maggie Davis.

W. H. Tilger was down Sunday to see his son, Ed, and family.

Mrs. May Hawkins and sister, Mrs. Tilger, came in Saturday night.

Rev. William Tipton of Columbia preached Saturday and Sunday at Hopewell church. He has been called by this church as pastor but as yet is undecided.

Rev. W. H. Hook came out Saturday to fill his regular appointment at Liberty church. He is entering upon his second year with renewed enthusiasm and hope. Bro. Hook is one of the best known preachers of the county and stands at the head of his church, as a true expounder of the gospel.

Rufus Underwood was in St. Louis Saturday, the guest of his nephew, Lester Eaton, who was injured some time ago in a street car accident.

Mrs. Mary Creasey left Sunday on a visit to Nevada, Mo., and other points.

Mrs. J. O. Tinsley and daughter, Miss Martha, spent Sunday here with relatives.

M. Johnson of Mexico has completed the job of painting the residence of Mrs. Martha Davis.

Mrs. Grace Moore and little daughter of Benton City spent Sunday the guests of Miss Edna Gant.

SOLDIERS ORGANIZE.

Co. L, Fifth Spanish American War, has formed permanent organization by the election of the following officers: J. F. Haggard, president; C. T. Johnson, vice-president; Charles Head, secretary-treasurer. The officers constitute an executive committee who are to take charge of valuable records of the company and the company's flag donated by the Mexico public when the soldiers in their first muster embarked for Jefferson Barracks to await orders for activity in the field.

ODD FELLOWS AT COLUMBIA.

The State Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. and the Rebekah Assembly are in session at Columbia this week. About 50 Mexico people are in attendance, among them the following: R. P. Key, Alpha Owens, T. S. Riley, E. L. Johnson, W. N. Boatman, Stonewall Stanford, Roy Pearl, and Mrs. Edgar Threlkeld and Mrs. J. D. Miller. A. C. Whitson is a delegate from the Mexico Odd Fellows and Miss Jessie McKean will represent the Mexico Rebekahs.

B. A. Thornburg who has been suffering for some time with a rheumatic affliction of the face, submitted to an operation a week or two since and is now feeling much better. He was under the influence of an opiate for eight hours.

The silver cup, won by Park Sellard as champion athlete of the McMillan High School, is on exhibition at Dearing's jewelry store.

GETS LEG BROKEN.

Orville Staples, ten years of age son of C. L. Staples, one of Mexico's night policeman, while out horseback riding one day last week suffered a broken leg by the horse falling with him. He is getting along nicely and will soon be able to get around again.

FOUND DEAD.

Aaron Lite, living near Taulip, was found dead in a ditch near his home last Friday. In riding home the night before, it is thought his horse fell on him and then wandered away. Mr. Lite was well-to-do and a popular citizen of the community. The funeral was held in Centralia.

HURT BY THE CARS.

Jacob McWhirt, a young farmer, was struck by a freight train in Vandalia Wednesday evening of last week. One foot was badly mangled and part of it had to be amputated and the other leg was also badly mashed. The train was backing and just how he happened in its way is not made clear.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED.

The approaching marriage of Mr. Daniel Cauthorn of Mexico to Miss Mabel Elliott of Garnett, Kansas, has been announced. Mr. Cauthorn is a member of the firm of Clark & Cauthorn of this city and is an energetic, thoroughgoing upright young business man. His bride to be graduated from Hardin College last year. She is known as one of the brightest and most charming young women ever attending this famous school. We offer this young couple our congratulations and best wishes.

MR. DOAN'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of B. F. Doan, who died very unexpectedly one day last week, was held Thursday at Sun Rise church, conducted by his former pastor and life-time friend, Eld. W. H. Hook. Deceased was about 81 years of age and was one of the very early settlers of the county. He was a good man, rich in faith, and has been called to a better world.

The following relatives from out of town attended the funeral: Mrs. J. H. Miller and Mrs. L. P. Miller of High Hill, Mo., and Wm. Steele of Boonville.

McMILLAN ATHLETICS.

Parke Sellard, the McMillan High School athlete, won honors for himself and his class in the event at Kirksville last Saturday. He won both the 220 and 880 yard events and won second in the 100 yard dash. Stanley Pearson, another noted athlete of the McMillan team, also made a fine score, winning third in the running high jump. The other members of the Mexico team won no points, but they made their victors work, all right.

WINS A FREE TRIP.

Walter Holloway, a young man of the Thompson neighborhood, is going to have fun down at Washington City next week. He will be there ten days and will see Congress in session and all the other big sights. He will be the guest of the Chicago Daily Drovers and Farmers Journal, winning third in the Journal's late subscription contest. We congratulate him and wish him indeed a fine trip.

OPERATED ON FOR RUPTURE.

George McLoney, son of W. J. McLoney of this city, was taken to Boonville last week and three days ago was operated on for rupture. The father accompanied him. He stood the operation bravely.

E. B. Sellard, the miller and rock crusher man, is suffering from quite an affliction of one of his eyes.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI.

W. H. Norris Tells of Conditions—He's "Baching" But Has a Woman's Offer.

Anderson, Mo., May 9.—Friend Beal: Please call on E. B. Norris for one dollar and send the Message another year.

I am living alone in an old log cabin on my ranch in the Ozarks and enjoy it some. My health is good and I have too much work to get lonely. We have spring, summer and winter mixed.

The strawberry season is just started in. I think 4 cars of berries were sent from Anderson last week. Only the early berries on the southern slopes are ripe yet. The frost ruined some in the valleys but the main crop is in fine condition but late. My patch was badly damaged by hot winds last summer. I think I will have enough to make a "short cake" half mile long, I picked two crates Saturday—my first picking. There are lots of green berries and blooms just waiting for the sun to kiss them and make them blush. There is a large acreage of corn planted for this section—twice as much as last year. It is mostly up and some are cultivating it. Peaches and apples are in fair condition yet but not a full crop.

This enough sense and as "a little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men," will tell you that I am not obliged to live alone. A lady friend in the East offered (in jest I presume) to come and keep house for me. I wrote that I was glad to say that I hoped it was too good to be true. That I needed a housekeeper about as badly as Uncle Josh's old mule needed a psalm book and a feed of sugared alfalfa to make his music harmonious and sweet. I told her to come on the first train, that I kept no horse but I was only 4-1-2 miles from Anderson and the walking was good. Now if she does come I will write to you again. Hoping that you are all in good health and prosperous I am your friend,

W. H. Norris.

A MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a miscellaneous shower for Miss Irma Johnson Wednesday, June 1st, at 3:00 p. m., at the home of Mrs. J. A. Guthrie. All Miss Johnson's friends are cordially invited. Miss Johnson is to be married soon to Rev. H. E. Truex, pastor of the Mexico Baptist church.

REPUBLICAN MASS MEETING.

The Audrain County Republican Central Committee met in the parlors of the Ringo Hotel, Monday afternoon, May 16, 1910, and called a Mass Meeting of the Republicans of this county to be held at the Court House, Saturday afternoon, May 28th, 1910, at 2 P. M.

A number of prominent speakers have been invited to participate, among whom are Gov. Hadley, Senator Warner, Walter S. Dickey, Judge R. F. Roy, John C. McKinley and J. H. Fisher. It is the purpose of the above meeting to arouse the Republicans of this county to the importance of the coming campaign, and to see that first class candidates are presented the voters for all State, County and Township officers at the General Primary, August 2nd, 1910.

YOUNG SCHNEIDER NUPTIALS.

Mr. Cleveland Young and Mrs. Maggie Schneider were married in Mexico last Friday, Eld. W. H. Hook officiating. Mrs. Young is of this county. The couple will reside on Mr. Young's farm in Monroe county.

O. R. Shipman has moved here from Montgomery City.

HOLLENSVILLE NOTES.

Miss Cephus, of Centralia, has been employed to teach Gatewood school, Miss Pearle Barnett of Mexico for Central, Miss Dusenjohn of Monroe Co. for Bryan and Prof. Hugh Browning of Paris for Molino. We congratulate each of these schools on its choice of teacher.

McGee brothers sold to O. R. Massey 100 bushels of corn and to R. C. Maddox 50 bushels at \$1.60 cents per bushel.

R. P. Cawthorn last Thursday delivered 15 hogs to Powell and Mundy at \$9 per cwt. Average weight 266 lbs.

O. T. Cawthorn delivered 19 275 lb hogs to same party Friday at \$9 per cwt.

McGee Bros. delivered 12 277 lb. hogs to same party Friday at \$9 per cwt.

L. E. Rudasil delivered 66 contracted hogs to same party at Thompson Monday at \$8 per cwt. Average weight 284 lbs.

Mrs. O. T. Cawthorn has 61 turkeys and Mrs. J. W. Sharp 51. We think this is pretty fine and hope the ladies will have as many at market time.

Rev. F. W. Leonard will preach at Midway the fifth Sunday in May instead of the first Sunday in June.

R. C. Maddox delivered one wagon load of 227 lb. hogs to Deaver at Paris last Friday at \$9 per cwt.

Dean Delaney sold a good saddle horse for \$225 and bought a better one for \$215.

B. C. Berry sold 24 lambs to Deaver at \$7.00 per cwt to be delivered in Paris last three days of June.

Miss Adeline Diessell of this city is reported quite sick.

SOME CASH; SOME NEWS.

F. M. Loveless renews for the Message.

Mrs. J. E. Goodrich renews for the Message.

J. H. Faucet has our thanks for a renewal favor.

Thos. R. Harlow is a new Message subscriber.

Rev. W. J. Keltner and J. W. Morris renew for the Message.

L. H. Jasper is ahead of the Message for a year's subscription.

Morris Eubanks enrolls as a new Message subscriber this week.

Our good friend G. W. Bailey gets ahead for the Message another year.

James McGowan at Centralia and J. T. McGowan at Ansley, Neb., renew for the Message.

John Davenport, one of Thompson's excellent farmer citizens, enrolls as a new Message subscriber this week.

Omer Dickerson, of Wilson township announces thru the Message this week as a candidate for County Collector.

The following new subscribers for the Message came in Tuesday of this week: R. A. Hering, A. Pfitzer, M. P. Points.

J. W. Morris, of Worcester neighborhood, delivered an aged pair of mules in Mexico Tuesday, which he sold to Bob Lochridge for \$300.

Prof. S. L. Mapes of Laddonia, called the other day in the absence of the editor and put down a plunk to have his subscription date moved up one year.

While in Columbia the other day our young friend W. H. Vandeventer put a dollar in our hand to keep the Message coming to his address. Mr. Vandeventer is doing well in Columbia.

Mrs. Belle Miller, a Message subscriber, changes her address from Paris, Mo., to Olathe, Kansas. From the latter place she writes: "I am here and do not wish to miss a single copy of the paper."